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¶1. (SBU) Poloff discussed the U.S. priorities at the 61st session of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR-61) with Henri-Paul Normandin, director of the human rights division at Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC), per ref a, on March 15. Normandin, who will be attending the final 3 weeks of CHR-61, referred to the bi-lateral consultations held at FAC on February 14 in preparation for CHR-61, and indicated that Canada's priorities were consistent with what was discussed at that meeting (ref b). Continuing, he said he would pass the demarche within FAC, and would advise us if there were any significant changes in Canada's positions at CHR-61.

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